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**TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3600**

In re Application of: : **DECISION ON PETITION**  
Joseph R. Moody et al. : **TO MAKE SPECIAL**  
Serial No. 10/725,082 : **( COUNTER TERRORISM)**  
Filed: December 2, 2003 :  
For: FORE GRIP WITH BIPOD

This is a decision on the petition filed June 3, 2004 under 37 CFR 1.102 (d) to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in MPEP 708.02, Section XI: Inventions for Countering Terrorism.

The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); and (B) a statement explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism.

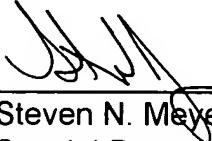
The petition states that the invention will contribute to countering terrorism by increasing the effectiveness of service and law enforcement personnel when utilizing firearms. Petitioner's invention and statement however, appear to deal more a general effectiveness of utilizing firearms which could in fact also increase the effectiveness of terrorists, rather than providing specific counter terrorism measures. MPEP 708.02 XI lists examples of types of inventions that would qualify as countering terrorism. While a grantable petition is not limited to these examples, these examples all clearly act to directly and primarily counter terrorism. Thus, the tie to countering terrorism as argued by the applicant is not seen as being sufficient to accord special status to this application.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. Should petitioner desire reconsideration, he should supplement this petition by a declaration or

statement giving the information as outlined above. Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.

Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is DISMISSED.



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